Judges in Guwahati High Court

343. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of judges in Guwahati High Court at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the requisite number of judges are not appointed in Guwahati High Court; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As on 1-4-1987, 8 Judges were in position in the Guwahati High Court, and there were two vacancies. The matter regarding filling up the vacancies of Judges in the Guwahati High Court is engaging the attention of the Government.

Industrially backward district in Assam

344. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country identified as industrially backward by the Planning Commission;

(b) whether there is any district in Assam which has been identified as such;

(c) if so, what is the total number thereof; and

(d) what are the special measures adopted for the development of industries in the identified backward districts in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Presently 300 districts have been identified as industrially backward in the country.

(b) to (d) The entire State of Assam has been placed in Category 'A' of backward areas and the entrepreneurs setting up industrial units are entitled to the highest rate of Central Investment Subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent of their fixed capital investment subject to ceiling of Rs. 25 lakhs with effect from 1-4-1983. This ceiling has been raised to Rs. 50 lakhs for setting up electronic industries in hill districts with effect from 1-4-1985. A liberalised scheme for development of infrastructure in the 'No Industry Districts' has been extended to the entire North Eastern Region. The rate of Transport Subsidy has also been raised from 75 per cent to 90 per cent in this region including Assam with effect from 1-9-1986. The names of backward districts and the concessions/incentives provided for development of industries in Category 'A' districts are given in the booklet on 'Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas', copies of which are available in Parliamentary Library.

Participation of employees of public sector in the management

345. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to offer share to the employees of public sector undertakings in the country in order to secure employees' commitment to work and to generate a sense of involvement in them in the undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.